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5 Time Drunk Driver Convicted With .47 Blood Alcohol Level

A King County jury convicted a 46-year-old Seattle man last week of DUI with a blood alcohol level of .47, almost 5 times the legal limit. This was the driver's 5th DUI conviction.

The arrest occurred on August 22, 2006 at approximately 6:15 p.m.. A King County Trooper contacted the vehicle blocking the intersection of N. 80th Street and Greenwood Ave.

The driver was passed out behind the wheel, with the car still running. The trooper and several Seattle Police officers attempted to wake the driver up. The driver smelled highly of intoxicants and a number of empty bottles of alcohol were found in his car. The driver was unresponsive and was assisted out of the car and placed on the ground.

The driver was transported to NW Hospital for treatment of his extreme intoxication. The driver remained passed out throughout the contact.

The driver does not have a valid driver's license and is suspended in the second degree.

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